



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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## ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES CONTINUE

**Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 55 percent not being harvested, 15 percent light, and 30 percent moderate. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Sheeping-off decreased slightly compared to the previous week, being reported as light.

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 16 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair to good condition for the month of January. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate while **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of February 20, 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 99 percent of **Barley**, 100 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 100 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as emerged.

Last week, temperatures throughout the state remained above average for the fifth week in a row. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Yuma to 7 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Coolidge while the lowest

reading was 17 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 7 stations. Precipitation ranged from .02 inches at Parker to .26 at Flagstaff.

Last week central Arizona producers shipped a variety of vegetables including **bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Western **lettuce** and **salad/salad mixes** shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine, specialty leaf** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, minneolas, fairchild tangerines** and **tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.

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### TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 13-19, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Buckeye 3/							
Canyon De Chelly	37	3	65	18	0.10	0.43	1.10
Casa Grande	55	2	78	37	0.00	0.00	1.15
Coolidge	53	3	82	31	0.00	0.04	1.30
Douglas	48	7	80	28	0.00	0.01	1.07
Flagstaff	32	5	58	17	0.26	1.11	3.41
Gila Bend	59	0	81	39	0.00	0.08	1.03
Grand Canyon	31	5	56	20	0.14	1.89	2.24
Kingman	46	4	67	29	0.09	0.14	1.49
Parker	59	2	81	41	0.02	0.02	0.86
Payson	42	5	71	28	0.00	0.41	3.29
Phoenix	58	2	77	45	0.00	0.01	1.08
Prescott Airport	41	4	68	25	0.21	0.34	1.52
Safford Ag Center	48	6	79	26	0.00	0.13	1.11
Tucson	55	3	80	33	0.00	0.10	1.30
Willcox	46	5	79	25	0.00	0.08	1.40
Winslow	40	6	71	20	0.03	0.17	0.79
Yuma	61	1	80	46	0.00	0.00	0.54

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

3/ Not available.

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